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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 422,000 IN OCTOBER

Additional hiring in both the Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing sectors, as well as the settlement of labor disputes, increased the level of establishment employment in Rhode Island to a record high level of 422,000 in October, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment increased by 1,500 from September to October to the current total of 422,000. This figure also represents a gain of 2,700 from the October 1984 level of 419,300.

MANUFACTURING

Primarily due to gains in the Durable Goods category, total manufacturing employment rose 500 in the September-October period to a level of 120,700. However, the current total was down 1,800 compared to the year ago figure of 122,500. In the Durable Goods sector, the October employment total of 82,300 showed an increase of 500 jobs from the prior month, but reflected a drop of 1,000 from the level recorded in October 1984. The Nondurable Goods total of 38,400 jobs was unchanged from September, but fell 800 below the figure reported a year ago this month.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the largest monthly payroll increase was posted in Jewelry-Silverware (+500), followed by upturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals (due to the settlement of a labor dispute) and Nonelectrical Machinery. These gains were offset somewhat by monthly employment decreases of 100 each in Fabricated Metals, Transportation Equipment and Instruments. The

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1986 TAXABLE WAGE BASE

In accordance with State law, the 1986 taxable wage bases for the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance programs have been determined. John S. Renza, Employment Security Director, recently announced that the wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid during the 1986 tax year, which begins January 1, will be $11,000. The wage base for T.D.I. contributions will also be $11,000.

The 1986 taxable wage bases for the E.S. and T.D.I. programs are equal to 70 percent of the 1984 average annual wage earned by workers covered by the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance acts respectively, rounded upward to the next even multiple of $200. The 1984 average annual wage for workers covered by the E.S. Act was $15,582; the average annual wage for workers covered by T.D.I. was $15,475.

It should also be noted that a revised Experience Rating Schedule I will become effective on January 1, 1986. Tax rates in this schedule range from 2.3 percent to 8.4 percent of an employer's taxable payroll. Employers will be notified of their individual unemployment insurance tax rates prior to next April 1.

The employee tax rate for Temporary Disability Insurance will be reduced to 1.1 percent of the new T.D.I. wage base, effective January 1, 1986.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road Middletown,	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.	
Employer Services	277-3573
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road	294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St.	231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-0134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK	277-3988
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Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1985-P	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
Total Placements	1,977	2,112	1,751
New Applications	3,707	3,348	3,585
New Openings Rec'd.	2,898	3,195	3,190

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	% Change Sept-Oct 1985
Initial Claims	7,096	6,304	+ 12.6
No. of Payments	45,169	41,850	- 7.9
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,884,157	$4,758,986	+ 2.6
Exhaustions	719	727	- 1.1

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below.

	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985
Initial Claims	1	1
No. of Payments	458	489
Amount of Payments	$ 9,466	$13,359

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	509.4	508.8	492.1
Unemployment	19.2	19.7	20.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	3.9	4.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.5	4.4	4.9

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	338.6	337.3	330.7
Unemployment	12.6	13.5	13.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.7	4.0	4.1

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	139.1	138.8	135.5
Unemployment	7.7	8.0	7.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	5.8	5.5

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	43,505	44,285	40,840
Unemployment	1,050	1,075	1,090
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.4	2.4	2.7

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 19-23, 1985

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
Total	13,804	100.0
Men	5,800	42.0
Under 45	3,985	68.7
45 and over	1,815	31.3
Women	8,004	58.0
Under 45	4,545	56.8
45 and over	3,459	43.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	661	4.8
Manufacturing	6,631	48.0
Public Utilities	814	5.9
Wholesale and Retail	1,476	10.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	407	3.0
Service	2,544	18.4
All Other	1,271	9.2
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,899	13.8
Clerical and Sales	2,510	18.2
Service	1,543	11.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	102	0.7
Processing	525	3.8
Machine Trades	1,780	12.9
Bench Work	1,866	13.5
Structural Work	1,258	9.1
Miscellaneous	1,628	11.8
INA	696	5.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	422.0	420.5	419.3	+ 1,500	+ 2,700
MANUFACTURING	120.7	120.2	122.5	+ 500	- 1,800
NONMANUFACTURING	301.3	300.3	296.8	+ 1,000	+ 4,500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.2	14.2	12.9	-	+ 1,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.2	14.1	14.2	+ 100	-
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	91.2	92.2	90.0	- 1,000	+ 1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.9	24.1	23.1	- 200	+ 800
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	99.1	99.1	98.5	+ 500	+ 1,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.2	56.6**	58.1	+ 1,600	+ 100

1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1984 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From:		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.7	120.2	122.5	+500	-1800	$ 310.23	$ 295.00	40.5	40.3	$7.66	$7.32
DURABLE GOODS	82.4	81.8	83.4	+500	-1000	311.04	299.80	40.5	40.9	7.68	7.33
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	2.9	3.1	+100	-100	344.45	311.01	41.4	42.2	8.32	7.37
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	-200	393.65	381.29	41.7	41.4	9.44	9.21
PRIMARY METALS	6.1	6.0*	6.1*	+100	0	364.97	360.38	41.1	42.1	8.88	8.56
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.1	9.4	100	-100	279.89	263.20	40.8	40.0	6.86	6.58
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.7*	6.6*	6.8*	+100	-100	413.08	409.47	43.3	43.7	9.54	9.37
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.6	11.9	11.4	0	+200	293.06	275.53	40.2	40.4	7.29	6.82
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.9	10.0	10.2	-100	-300	394.13	410.76	39.1	42.0	10.08	9.78
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.9	5.0	-100	-100	314.90	305.70	41.6	42.4	7.56	7.21
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.8	23.8	24.7	+000	-900	260.80	221.18	41.2	38.4	6.33	5.76
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.5	5.1	0	+400	232.49	223.67	34.7	34.2	6.70	6.54
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.4	38.4	39.2	0	-800	307.85	292.47	40.4	39.9	7.62	7.33
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.4	3.7	+100	-200	249.91	251.46	37.3	38.1	6.70	6.60
TEXTILES	10.8	10.9	11.2	-100	-400	317.60	292.99	41.9	39.7	7.58	7.38
APPAREL	3.3	3.4	3.6	0	-100	257.68	237.39	40.2	40.1	6.41	5.92
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.8*	0	-100	270.54	255.30	40.5	38.8	6.68	6.58
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0	417.79	410.26	38.9	39.6	10.74	10.36
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2*	3.0	0	+200	410.94	401.98	41.3	41.4	9.95	9.70
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+100	326.82	296.16	41.9	39.1	7.80	7.46
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	-200	311.98	286.48	40.2	38.3	7.76	7.48
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	-200	215.53	209.82	39.7	39.0	5.43	5.38

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number of jobs in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change for the September-October period. Compared to a year ago, the most notable employment increase in Durable Goods was recorded in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing sector (+400). Employment in Electrical Machinery rose by 200, while a gain of 100 was posted in Non-electrical Machinery. Contrary to this, the largest annual job decline was evident in Jewelry-Silverware (-900), followed by decreases in Transportation Equipment (-300) and Stone-Clay-Glass (-200). In addition, downturns of 100 each occurred in Lumber-Furniture, Fabricated Metals and Instruments. Employment in Primary Metals was unchanged from its year ago level.

In the Nondurable Goods producing industries, a monthly job increase of 100 in Food-Beverage was offset by a decrease of 100 in Textiles. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from their September employment levels. On an annual comparison, payroll increases were registered in Chemical Products (+200) and Rubber Products (+100). Textile employment was down 400 from its year ago level, followed by decreases of 200 each in Food-Beverage, Plastics Products and Leather Products. A decline of 100 workers was reported in Apparel, while employment in Paper Products and Printing-Publishing showed no change for the 12-month period.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 1,000 from September to October, largely the result of continued seasonal gains in Service and the settlement of teacher strikes in the Government sector. The October total of 301,300 is also 4,500 jobs higher than the year earlier employment level of 296,800.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Service employment rose 500 for the month to 99,600 and was up 1,100 compared to a year ago. Total Government employment, at 58,200, showed a monthly increase of 1,600 largely due to the aforementioned strike settlements; the current figure represents an increase of 100 from the same month a year ago. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities posted a monthly gain of 100 as it rose to 14,200, but was unchanged on an annual basis. Trade, at 91,200, reported a month's job decrease of 1,000 while Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 23,900, recorded a drop of 200 for the same time period. Nevertheless, the former was up 1,200 and the latter increased 800 compared to October 1984, although Contract Construction payrolls did not change from September to October, the current job total of 14,200 reflects an increase of 1,300 from the year earlier employment figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 5 cents to $7.66 in mid-October; this represents a gain of 34 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.3 of an hour in October to 40.5 hours, which was also 0.2 of an hour more than the October 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in October amounted to $310.23, representing an increase of $4.31 from last month and $15.23 from October of last year.

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